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Minutes

Name of Organization: Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease (TFAD)

Date and Time of Meeting: September 24, 2014
1:30 p.m.

Carson City: Legislative Counsel Bureau
401 South Carson Street
Room 2134
Carson City, NV 89701

Las Vegas: Grant Sawyer Building
555 East Washington Avenue
Room 4412
Las Vegas, NV 89101

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I. Call to Order/ Roll Call
Senator Valerie Wiener (Ret.), Chair

Members Present: Tina Gerber-Winn, Senator Joseph Hardy, Assemblyman Eisen (Dr.) (Alternate for Assemblyman Joseph M. Hogan), Gini Cunningham, Dr. Peter Reed, PhD., Senator Valerie Wiener (Ret.), Albert Chavez, Wendy Simons

Members Absent: Dr. Jane Fisher

Guests: Jacob Harmon (Alzheimer's Association), Jeanne Bishop-Parise
Donna McCafferty, Barry Gold, Humberto Baldivis, Joe Tinio, Greg Martin

Staff: Dale Ann Luzzi, Camala Foley, Jeff Doucet

II. **Public Comment** (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an action item.)

South- Barry Gold told the Task Force that AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) the new campaign Caregiver Revise, Record, and Enable (CARE) Act will be introduced during the 2015 Legislative Session. CARE does three things: asks if there is a caregiver, notifies the caregiver upon discharge, and involves the caregiver. AARP has a sponsor for the CARE Act. A report from AARP, called "Home Alone", gives information on the CARE Act. Senator Wiener commented that the Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease (TFAD) will determine the issue of patients discharge from hospitals and care in the final State Plan for 2015.

North- Jacob Harmon thanked Senator Joe Hardy and Dr. Peter Reed for their involvement in the Alzheimer's Town Hall meeting that was held in August. The focus of the town hall was the need for training to recognize Alzheimer's.

South- Jeff Doucet told the Task Force that the Aging and Disability Service Division (ADSD) has been awarded the 2014 Alzheimer's Dementia Capability Grant. The grant is \$450,000 federal funding for three years, with a required \$256,000 match. Match money will be provided by Tobacco Settlement and Incline Match, which is a program partner. Three goals for the program are: screening for early development, connecting individuals to resources, and establishing approved data sets. ADSD will work with TFAD to establish a good and capable system.

III. **Welcoming Remarks**

Senator Valerie Wiener (Ret.), Chair

Senator Wiener welcomed all those in attendance and thanked them for coming.

IV. **Approval of the Minutes from April 23, 2014 Meeting (For Possible Action)**

Senator Valerie Wiener (Ret.), Chair

Senator Joe Hardy made a motion to approve the minutes from June 18, 2014, as written. Assemblyman Andy Eisen seconded. The motion passed.

- V. Update and Discussion on New Home and Community Based Setting Requirements and Possible action on Updates to the Policy and Administrative Rules. (For Possible Action)
David Kylo, Executive Director, National Center for assisted Living

David Kylo updated the Task Force on the new rules of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that apply to Medicaid Waivers. Each state is required to have a transition plan submitted to CMS by March 17, 2015. Public comment will impact how Nevada's various waiver programs function. Final rules become effective March 17, 2015. CMS has requirements for Home and Community Home settings, additional requirements for provider owned or controlled settings, and for the rural area settings. Mr. Kylo stated the concerns for rural areas with limited services to implement the rules. The new rules want full integration for dementia populations to give mobility to those who seek and wander. Wendy Simons commented on barriers between Assisted Living and Community Living. Health Care Quality and Compliance has guidelines for individuals to stay in supportive living settings. Dr. Reed asked about the CMS Medicaid waiver regulation to reduce the use of anti-psychotic medicine with individuals with dementia.

- VI. Review, Discuss and Possible Vote Supporting the Results from the Legislative Health Care Committee Meeting From August 26, 2014 (For Possible action)
Tina Gerber-Winn, Deputy Administrator, Aging and Disability Service Division (ADSD)

The Legislative Health Care Committee Meeting is going to draft a letter in regards to proposals submitted by Task Force on Alzheimer Disease. Medicaid is working on Money Follows the Person transition plan. The Committee is going to look at the certification on Residential Facilities for groups. The Committee also will draft a letter to Public and Behavioral Health and Division on Health Care Policy to make that information available. Individual members of the Legislative Health Care Committee will work with TFAD to clarify safe discharge and process. Senator Wiener stated the need to work with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to use grant money necessary to do so. Tina Gerber-Winn suggested creating a transition program to accomplish the financial requirements. Funding would have to be through a grant, since the budget recommendations have already been submitted. Senator Wiener will be working with staff to write letters and find grants to get information out electronically.

- VII. Review and Discussion and Possible Vote on Transition from Hospital to Home Including Safe Discharge Plan, Review and Updates to the Current Checklist. (For Possible Action)
Senator Valeria Wiener (Ret.), Chair

A discharge checklist was presented to DHHS. DHHS agreed with the checklist with some concerns, including compliance and financial impacts to the discharging facility. Donna McCafferty, Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance (BHCQC), said that the state does have regulations to investigate a discharge. Hospitals have their own checklist for discharge. The TFAD would like the procedure strengthened. Assemblyman Eisen commented that state action may not be required if BHCQC revises its regulations.

VIII. Review, Discussion and Vote on State Plan Including Updates on Recommendations Numbers Three, Six, Nine, Ten and Fifteen from Task Force Members Assigned to the Recommendation Areas of the State Plan.
(For Possible Action)

Senator Valerie Wiener (Ret.), Chair

The TFAD supports a statewide needs assessment to use the information to plan the development of new services or existing services. Dr. Fisher will send a detail report on updates for the other points.

Recommendation 1: Statewide Information and Referral System

Presented by Senator Valerie Wiener

Senator Wiener stated she would explore staffing and funding needs. Albert Chavez moved to retain number 1. Recommendation 1 retained.

Recommendation 2: Nurse Practitioners

Assemblyman Eisen said there needs to be a connection between the healthcare team. Assemblyman Eisen moved to retain number 2. Mr. Albert Chavez seconded the motion. Recommendation 2 retained.

Recommendation 3: Telehealth Funding Streams

Presented by Albert Chavez, Humberto Baldivias, and Jacob Harman

Humberto Baldivias, a student intern at Alzheimer's Association, explained Telehealth can reduce cost in Medicare and Medicaid. Telehealth cannot be used in emergencies. Project Echo is a Telehealth link connecting to rural areas to service chronic, costly, and complex mental illnesses. The American Medical Association stated the use of Echo has decreased the need for general, orthopedic, and cardio vascular surgery. Jacob Harman explained that doctors from other states are helping patients in Nevada through Telehealth. Project Echo helps primary care physicians increase early diagnosis and connect people to the available support services. Mike Reynolds is working on a grant to fund a mobile unit. Jacob Harman stated that HR 2001 expand Telehealth to treat veterans and HR 3077, which would

amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit Medicare providers in one state to provide telemedicine services to patients in another state, are both still in committee.

Dr. Charles Bernick stated Telehealth is not self-sustaining and would need state funding. Assemblyman Eisen stated to be a Telehealth provider you must be a licensed physician in the state of Nevada though physicians outside of Nevada may get permission from the state board to provide services. Dr. Bernick stated that getting physicians to come to the educational training is going to be an ongoing effort. Tina Gerber-Winn stated providers and clients need to be ready to utilize services. Assemblyman Eisen moved to retain number 3. Dr. Bernick seconded the motion. Recommendation number 3 retained.

Recommendation 4: Remove Age Barriers

Senator Wiener stated that a bill to provide respite services to families of younger-onset Alzheimer's disease and other dementias passed during the 2012 Legislative Session and is now a state law. Ms. Gerber-Winn stated to manage this recommendation under education and awareness of providers. Senator Wiener supported the creation of an awareness campaign. Assemblyman Eisen added that structural barriers and educational barriers are different issues. Assemblyman Eisen motioned to retain number 4. Dr. Bernick seconded the motion. Recommendation number 4 retained.

Recommendation 5: Disseminating Information (Cultural Competence)

Gini Cunningham suggested rewording from English and Spanish to include other languages. Assemblyman Eisen commented adding "other commonly spoken languages in the community." Mr. Chavez motioned to retain number 5. Assemblyman Eisen seconded the motion. Recommendation number 5 retained.

Recommendation 6: Affordability of Services

Presented by Wendy Simons

Industry is creating sliding fee scales. Ms. Simons will have more to report in subsequent meeting. Assemblyman Eisen made a motion to retain number 6. Ms. Simons seconded the motion. Recommendation number 6 retained.

Recommendation 7: Nevada Consortium

Dr. Bernick stated it is possible to combine recommendation 7 and 8 to one item. He suggested developing a different language to blend the two. Dr. Bernick motioned to retain number 7 and 8 combined. Motion passed recommendation 7 and 8, as blended, retained.

Recommendation 8: Research Opportunities

Recommendation 8 combined with recommendation 7.

Recommendation 9: Long Term Care Funding Streams

Presented by Wendy Simons

Ms. Simons expressed concern for individuals when their money runs out and they require Medicaid services. Such a person is faced with an institutional setting instead of the choice to be in different settings. The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) is required to submit action steps by October 1, 2014. Ms. Simons will provide any changes to be included in the next meeting. Ms. Simons motioned to retain number 9. Mr. Chavez seconded that motion. Recommendation 9 retained.

Recommendation 10: Reduction of Out-Of-State Placement

Presented by Tina Gerber-Winn

Ms. Gerber-Winn commented on an update for Recommendation 10. Medicaid's checklist, for behaviorally complex individual, is helpful but needs to be modified to prevent behavior. Ms. Gerber-Winn met with Medicaid to address these problems before they become more significant. Ms. Gerber-Winn motioned to retain number 10. Assemblyman Eisen seconded the motion. Recommendation 10 retained.

Recommendations 11, 12, 13 and 14: Promoting Awareness and Education to Providers, School training on Alzheimer's Disease, Training for Hospital Personnel, and Hours of Training

Presented by Senator Joseph Hardy

Senator Hardy combined all four recommendations into one BDR. This bill encourages education to medical care providers and first responders in regard to caring for people with Alzheimer's disease. Senator Hardy confirmed that fire and police departments, starting in Henderson, are eager to receive instruction on ways to handle people who wander. Mr. Chavez stated that the Alzheimer's Association is planning to provide first responder trainings and would like to start quarterly training. Dr. Reed commented the Nevada Geriatric Education Center is developing training classes statewide as well. Assemblyman Eisen motioned to retain number 11,12,13,14. Dr. Bernick seconded the motion. Recommendation 11,12,13,14 retained.

Recommendation 15: Expand Respite Services

Assemblyman Eisen motioned to retain number 15. Dr. Bernick seconded the motion. Recommendation 15 retained.

Recommendation 16: Volunteers

Mr. Chavez made a motion to retain number 16. Assemblyman Eisen seconded the motion. Recommendation 16 retained.

Recommendation 17: Mandatory Reviews

Assemblyman Eisen suggested changing mandate to monitor. Assemblyman Eisen motioned to retain 17. Mr. Chavez seconded the motion. Recommendation 17 retained.

Recommendation 18: Hospital Transitional Care Programs

Dr. Bernick suggested improving the process of hospital care of patients with Alzheimer's disease. Ms. Gerber-Winn suggested recommendation as a transitional care program out of a hospital. Dr. Bernick stated to retain and consider it as a new recommendation for improved hospital care. Language will be determined at the next meeting. Dr Charles Bernick motioned to retain number 18. Albert Chavez seconded the motion. Recommendation 18 retained.

Recommendation 19: Employee Assistance Programs

Dr. Bernick moved to retain number 19. Mr. Chavez seconded the motion. Recommendation 19 retained.

Recommendation 20: Awareness Campaigns

Assemblyman Eisen moved to retain number 20. Ms. Cunningham seconded the motion. Recommendation 20 retained.

- IX. Consider Agenda Items for Next Meeting (For Possible Action)
Senator Valerie Wiener (Ret.), Chair

Senator Wiener stated that Dr. Fisher wanted to discuss driver's license for individuals with Alzheimer's disease. Dr. Bernick suggested placing the subject with education and revising at the next meeting.

Senator Wiener would also like to review the State Plan to determine if there are any areas that should be added, revised, or deleted.

- X. Discussion and Vote on Date for Next Meeting (For Possible Action)

Senator Valerie Wiener (Ret.), Chair

A face to face meeting will be in Las Vegas, a date is not yet determined.

- XI. **Public Comment** (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an action item.)

No public comment.

- XII. **Adjournment**
Senator Wiener adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

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